



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

VENKATARAMAN et al.

Serial No.: 10/601,176

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Filed: June 20, 2003

Art Unit: 3611

Examiner: Cassandra Hope Davis

Atty. Docket No.: 02-562-US

Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Amendment  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1.  Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.

OR

- In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

2.  Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

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3.  A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.
4.  Also enclosed:
5.  No fee for extra claims is required.
6.  The fee for extra claims has been calculated as shown below:

Claims Remaining After Amendment (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. paid for (Col. 2)	Extra Present (Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
			RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE	
Total Claims	23 - 31**	= 0*	X \$ 25	= \$	<u>OR</u>	X \$ 50	= \$
Ind. Claims	5 - 4***	= 1*	X \$ 100	= \$	<u>OR</u>	X \$ 200	= \$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			+ \$180	= \$	<u>OR</u>	+ \$360	= \$
			<u>TOTAL</u>	= \$	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	= \$200

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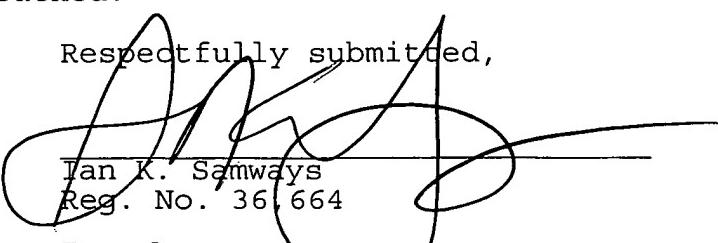
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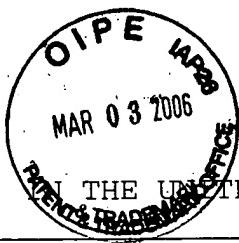
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AMENDMENT

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